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FOR MATLOCK FROM SHINN

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. REF MOSCOW 13976, PLEASE OPEN, COPY AND FORWARD THE BURTON LETTERS.
2. FOR MATLOCK FROM GARRISON: IT LOOKS LIKE WE CAN MANAGE THE TECHNICALITIES OF FLYING INTO MOSCOW JULY 27 ON A FOREIGN CARRIER, BUT SINCE THE MAIN PURPOSE IS TO BE THERE FOR A RECEPTION I WANTED TO MAKE CERTAIN IT IS INTENDED TO SCHEDULE SOMETHING BEFORE THAT WEEKEND. OTHERWISE, WE WOULD REVERT TO OUR ORIGINAL PLAN TO ARRIVE JULY 29, WHICH WOULD BE SOMEWHAT MORE CONVENIENT. INCIDENTALLY, JOHN CONDAYAN SUGGESTED WE STAY IN HIS FUTURE APARTMENT, SINCE HE WON'T BE ARRIVING UNTIL SOMEWHAT LATER.
3. RE YOUR 0-I (MOSCOW 13799, PARA 3) ON MILITARY EXCHANGES,
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WE DO NOT HAVE MOSCOW 12798. PRESUME YOU MEANT MOSCOW 10743.
A RESPONSE HAS BEEN HELD UP PENDING A HAROLD BROWN DECISION ON A VARIETY OF AVENUES FOR U.S.-USSR MILITARY EXCHANGES.
WE EXPECT TO HAVE THAT DECISION SHORTLY, AND WE HOPE TO BE ABLE TO GIVE YOU THE GO-AHEAD ON THE RESPONSE YOU PROPOSED IN PARA 4 OF MOSCOW 10743.

4. ON SHAUN BYRNES' PLANS, QUITE FRANKLY SIX WEEKS HOME LEAVE SOUNDS LIKE A BIT MUCH TO US, BUT WE ARE WILLING TO DO OUR BEST TO ACCOMMODATE HIM. PERSONNEL TELLS US THERE IS NO RPT NO WAY TO SPLIT HOME LEAVE BUT THEY ARE APPARENTLY WILLING TO APPROVE EXTENDED HOME LEAVE OF UP TO 30 DAYS. WE THEREFORE OFFER FOLLOWING CHOISE: (A) ARRIVE HERE ON JUNE 26, HAVING TAKEN ANNUAL LEAVE EN ROUTE, AND TAKE EXTENDED HOME LEAVE LATER ON (SHAUN SHOULD RECOGNIZE THAT WE COULD NOT GUARANTEE LETTING HIM GO FOR A FULL 30 DAYS, SINCE WE CANNOT FORESEE EVENTS AS THEY MIGHT BE IN THE FALL); OR (B) TAKE EXTENDED HOME LEAVE NOW, SHOWING UP HERE ON JULY 31, TO ENABLE SOME CONSULTATIONS WITH JIM HENDERSON WHO HAS KINDLY VOLUNTEERED TO COME OVER FROM FSI IN THE AFTERNOONS TO BRIEF SHAUN. BECAUSE JIM HUFF IS ON BOARD ALREADY AND LEN WILLEMS WILL STAY ON UNTIL AT LEAST MID-AUGUST, WE FAVOR LATTER.

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